<u>REMARKS</u>

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The Office Action states that restriction to one of the following groups of claims is required:

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- I. Claims 1 to 5; and
- II. Claims 6 and 7.

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Applicants hereby elect group I, <u>i.e.</u>, claims 1 to 5, for further prosecution on the merits.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, please charge any such fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, Deposit Account No. **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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